



Media statement

02 June 2023

Campaign for Free Expression is most concerned to hear that the Johannesburg High Court has issued an order blocking investigative journalism unit amaBhungane's examination of the Moti Company. This was done in a secret hearing without amaBhungane's presence. They will only be heard when the matter returns to court in October.

AmaBhungane has been publishing a series of major stories about the company, which has accused them of complicity in the theft of internal documents. They have been ordered to stop publishing and return the documents within 48 hours.

There can be little doubt that the publication of this material is in the public interest. The Moti Group should be answering the allegations rather than trying to silence their critics. And the courts should not be assisting the company in avoiding accounting for themselves.

*The Campaign for Free Expressions is a non-partisan, non-profit organisation that defends and promotes free expression for all across southern Africa.

Contact: Anton Harber, Executive Director
anton@harber.co.za
083-3039497